

Governor's H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.'

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Ziobron, and members
of the Appropriations Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written
testimony.

I am truly disgusted by Governor Malloy's latest attack on law abiding residents who wish to
obtain a pistol permit. This is nothing more than an attempt to limit gun ownership in our great
state by way of unaffordability.

The proposed rate hike of 428% would put a discriminatory undue financial burden on
exercising a constitutionally protected right by low and middle class residents throughout the
state. I urge that you **OPPOSE** Section 48 (T1854) and Section (T1938) of H.B. 7027 that would
support the Governor's proposed pistol permit rate increase.

If passed, this would mean an over 850% fee increase for pistol permit holders over the last five
years. Currently the cost of Connecticut's pistol permit is already triple the national average.

I urge that you **DO NOT** support any more attacks on the law abiding gun owners of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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